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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPLAINT

v.

DONALD JAMES HOLLIN

CASE NUMBER: 1:09-MJ-634

I, Sheila Goodell Task Force Agent, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about June 4, 2009 in Kent County, in the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, defendant did,


conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, after having two prior convictions for felony drug offenses that have become final

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(i).

I further state that I am a Task Force Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:


SHEILA GOODELL
Task Force Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn and subscribed to before me in my presence


June 11, 2009

Date

at Grand Rapids, Michigan

City and State

ELLEN S. CARMODY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Name and Title of Judicial Officer


Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT

I, Sheila Goodell, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a Task Force Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and officer with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS). I have been a sworn law enforcement officer since 1989, a narcotics investigator since 1996, and a Task Force Agent with the DEA since 2001. I have participated in approximately two thousand drug investigations.
2. As a narcotics investigator, I have conducted physical and electronic surveillance and debriefed and interviewed numerous drug traffickers. I have served both as an undercover and uniformed officer, and have applied for and executed numerous state and federal search and seizure warrants. Through my training and experience, I have become familiar with the manner in which illegal drugs are imported and distributed, methods of payment for controlled substances, and methods used by drug traffickers to launder drug income and conceal assets purchased with drug proceeds.
3. The information contained in this affidavit is based on an investigation conducted by Special Agents and Task Force Agents of the DEA, and Officers of the Kalamazoo Valley Enforcement Team (KVET). This affidavit is not an exhaustive recitation of all information known by law enforcement personnel in this case and is submitted for the sole purpose of supporting a felony criminal complaint charging Donald James HOLLIN and Tene Vinta REDD with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(i). Donald James HOLLIN has two prior felony drug convictions and is presently on federal supervised release for a 2001 drug conviction for possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine; a conviction for which he was sentenced to 84 months in prison followed by five (5) years of supervised release. HOLLIN began his term of supervised release on November 23, 2007.
4. On June 4, 2009, agents and officers from KVET and the DEA conducted surveillance on Arthur ANDERSON in response to intelligence information that ANDERSON was involved in drug trafficking in and around the Kalamazoo, Michigan area. On June 4, 2009, ANDERSON was followed by investigators from the City of Kalamazoo to D&T Motors, which is located at 6015 South Division Street, Wyoming, Michigan. ANDERSON was observed making contact with Donald James HOLLIN at D&T Motors, which is owned in part and operated by HOLLIN.


5. Donald James HOLLIN was observed getting into ANDERSON's vehicle and the two men were followed by investigators to 2623 Walden Wood, Wyoming, Michigan. It is believed that HOLLIN entered 2623 Walden Wood as this was the only door that surveillance officers could not observe from their surveillance position. Within minutes of exiting the vehicle and entering the building, HOLLIN was observed walking toward ANDERSON's vehicle from the direction of 2623 Walden Wood. ANDERSON and HOLLIN were then followed as they returned to D&T Motors at 6015 South Division Avenue, Wyoming, Michigan. It is believed that HOLLIN exited ANDERSON's vehicle upon arriving at 6015 South Division Avenue, Wyoming, Michigan. This was later confirmed during a proffer interview with Arthur ANDERSON on June 9, 2009.
6. After returning Donald James HOLLIN to D&T Motors, Arthur ANDERSON was then followed by investigators and stopped by uniformed officers once he entered Kalamazoo County. ANDERSON had an improper license plate on the Lincoln Towncar that he was driving. The license plate was assigned to a different Lincoln Towncar owned by ANDERSON.
7. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) K-9 Officer Lisa Moore and her K-9 partner, Ori, responded to the scene and conducted a free air sniff on and around the exterior of ANDERSON's vehicle. K-9 Ori is certified by the United States Canine Association and found to be reliable in the detection of narcotics. K-9 Ori gave a positive indication for narcotics on the driver's side door seam of the vehicle.
8. The interior of the vehicle was subsequently searched and Officer Moore located a distribution-size quantity of heroin (approximately 2 ounces) in the storage compartment inside the arm rest on the driver's door. The suspected controlled substance tested positive for heroin. Analysis by the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory confirmed the substance is heroin with a net weight of 49.95 grams.
9. Investigators then made contact with Tene Vinta REDD, as she left 2623 Walden Wood, Wyoming, Michigan. After they identified themselves as police, REDD admitted to living at 2623 Walden Wood, Wyoming, Michigan, with her children. When asked about Donald HOLLIN, REDD became visibly nervous and told investigators that Donald HOLLIN is the godfather of her children and that HOLLIN was recently in her apartment for a brief time. REDD was asked if HOLLIN ever asked her to store anything in her apartment for him. REDD advised that approximately one month ago, Donald HOLLIN used REDD's apartment to store a 3'x 4' box. According to REDD, she did not know what was inside the box. REDD also told investigators that HOLLIN has a key to her apartment and that he can enter and exit the apartment as he wishes.
10. Officers then asked REDD for consent to search her residence to assure themselves that there were no subjects inside the apartment destroying potential

evidence. REDD agreed to let the investigators search her apartment for subjects. Upon entering the apartment with the investigators, REDD immediately walked to her bedroom closet and reached for a plastic shopping bag containing what was later discovered as a large quantity of heroin. When asked what she was doing, REDD advised the investigators that she was trying to show them that no one was inside her closet.

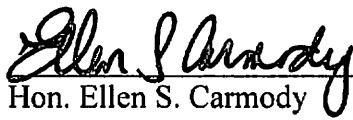
11. While in REDD's bedroom, investigators found a small quantity of marijuana in plain view. REDD admitted to smoking marijuana and told them that the marijuana was for her personal use. The investigators then asked REDD for consent to search her apartment for narcotics. REDD appeared to be nervous and reluctant to give them consent to search for narcotics, saying that she had to leave and pick up her children. The apartment was then secured so investigators could obtain a search warrant. At all times, REDD was free to leave and at no time did REDD ever withdraw her consent to search the apartment. REDD, in fact, left the apartment, and did not return to the apartment while it was being searched pursuant to the State of Michigan search warrant.
12. Investigators obtained a State of Michigan search warrant for 2623 Walden Wood, Wyoming, Michigan. Upon executing the search warrant, investigators examined the aforementioned shopping bag in REDD's bedroom closet. Inside the shopping bag, investigators located a large quantity of suspected heroin. The suspected heroin was found in a box inside the shopping bag. The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory confirmed the substance is heroin with a net weight of 1,532 grams. Investigators also found latex gloves, scales, and packaging materials in the residence. I know from my training and experience that latex gloves are used to package controlled substances, particularly heroin, so that the drug will not enter the packager's system via the skin. I also know that scales are used by drug traffickers to weigh controlled substances for resale.
13. On June 9, 2009, investigators conducted a proffer interview with Arthur ANDERSON at ANDERSON's lawyer's office in Kalamazoo. ANDERSON, who is 78 years old and an uncle of Donald HOLLIN, told investigators that HOLLIN offered to pay ANDERSON \$700.00 in U.S. currency to transport what was later discovered to be 49.95 grams of heroin from the Grand Rapids area to Kalamazoo. According to Arthur ANDERSON, after he picked up HOLLIN at D&T Motors, he drove HOLLIN to an apartment at Walden Wood, corroborating surveillance and the statement of Tene Vinta REDD. ANDERSON said that HOLLIN then returned to the car with a "package" that was placed in the arm rest for its delivery to Kalamazoo.
14. My review of Donald James HOLLIN's criminal history indicates that he has at least two prior felony drug convictions: a 1997 conviction from the 9th Circuit Court (Kalamazoo) for Delivery/Manufacturing a Controlled Substance, Less than 50 Grams; and a 2001 federal felony conviction from this district for possession

with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, for which he is currently on federal supervised release.

15. Based on the information described above, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to support the issuance of a federal criminal complaint charging Donald James HOLLIN and Tene Vinta REDD with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(i). With respect to Donald James HOLLIN, this offense was committed after he had previously been convicted of two felony drug offenses; both of which have become final.


SHEILA GOODELL
Task Force Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to and subscribed before
me on this 11th day of June 2009


Hon. Ellen S. Carmody
United States Magistrate Judge
Western District of Michigan